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§1.56, Applicant submits herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in  
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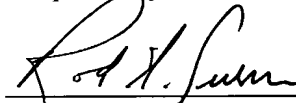
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The above-referenced documents are listed on Form PTO 1449. We have enclosed the cited documents to facilitate reference to them.

The documents listed above were cited in the International Search Report, a copy of which is submitted herewith, or in the specification of the corresponding International Application No. PCT/EP2004/010285.

Applicant is not aware of any other references to be identified at this time. If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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